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## BRETHREN EVANGELIST

### Brief Notes

If the man who envies genius will work hard, he in turn will become one of the envied.

If some people in the world valued their record as much as they do their pedigree, there would not be so many disgusted ancestors.

There are some pilgrims to the celestial city who if they would look a little better to their feet, this last year of the century, they would not stump their toes so often and go limping.

The kindness shown to a rich man just before he dies and the good things said about a just man immediately after he dies both illustrate elements in human nature which might be better than they are.

The most joyless thing in the world is a joyless religion, because it represents the half way station between God and the world, unwilling to wholly renounce the one, and afraid to displease the other.

The refrigerator trust recently organized in New York is said to have an abundance of cold cash. What a harmony of ideas. Iron safes do not have fires. The mansion of Covetousness was built in the arctics.

The Sandwich Islanders estimate the beauty of women by their weight. If moral and intellectual weight, weight of character, weight of goodness, were substituted for avoirdupois, the test would be a most excellent one.

There is a difference of opinion as to the propriety or policy of capital punishment. Irrespective of the merits of the question we feel considerable sympathy with the proposition to hang every inventor who brings out a new naval or military device.

The government of Canada has ordered the burning of all the sawdust made at the great lumber mills in that country, lest it should pollute their streams. Burn up the sawdust in your character, your life, your sermon, lest it pollute the pure waters of truth and virtue.

It is sometimes said of robust people that they are in more danger of sickness than delicate people, because presuming upon their unusual vigor they expose themselves, often recklessly. They have their spiritual counterparts, who foolishly rush into temptation conceiving that they are abundantly able to withstand it. The moral dare devil has never learned of wisdom, and the silly person who tries to see how near he or she can come to sin without sinning furnishes nine tenths of satan's fun.

Apropos of the universal peace congress which is approaching it is interesting to note the controversy in our Congress over the bill for increasing the army and navy. Also the notable increase of the German army, together with the vast enlargement of the Russian and English sea power now in progress. The nations do not trust each other, and it is a strange comment upon our modern civilization that the only way in which peace can be preserved is for each power to become so strong in its war equipment that every other nation is afraid to attack it.

An exchange says of Professor Shields, of Princeton, that when the Presbyteries began to criticize his relation to a certain liquor license, he first resented the interference, and then indignantly went where he knew he would not be disturbed. The same journal also quotes Dr. Abbott's saying in regard to the Episcopal church, to which Professor Shields fled for refuge, that it was "the roomiest church in America." It must be excessively roomy for a church if the saloon and its supporters can find in it a comfortable domicile; almost if not quite as roomy as the "broad road." It was a great credit to the Presbyterian church to make matters too hot and quarters too contracted for the indignant Prof. Shields.

A public conference of the leaders of all denominations was recently held in London to promote sentiment in favor of the Czar's universal peace proposal. When the Russian emperor first published

his call to the world, Rudyard Kipling, the English poet and novelist replied in a celebrated poem entitled "The Truce of the Bear," satirizing the Czar's proposition, and raising a suspicion as to his motives. Kipling has received just about that degree of popular applause which makes a man imagine that he alone is the voice of the nation; but the leaders in morals and religion refuse to take their cue from the literary genius, and they are rightly emphasizing the demand of Christianity for disarmament and peace. God forward the great movement, and make the Czar the liberator of the world from the galling yoke of militarism.

Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila is coming home to receive the unexampled ovation which awaits him. Among the heroes of the late war he stands preeminent, not simply because he gained so remarkable a victory over the Spanish fleet, but also because he has contributed more solid results, has done more to enlarge the destiny of this country and to change the map of the world than any participant in the war. Nothing that the American people can do for Dewey will be too much, but we will at least hope that his reception, and the respect for him held by all sane people, will not be marred by the kissing gushability which has very nearly obscured the glory of some others, the Merrimac celebrities, for instance. The reserve of self respect and decency is a far more edifying spectacle than the silly effusiveness of unbalanced enthusiasm.

That was a remarkable and significant incident of President McKinley's southern tour when his excellency, accompanied by his cabinet, his generals, the Governor and Legislature of Alabama, in all about two thousand persons including many of the most distinguished in the land, visited Booker Washington's Institute at Tuskegee, Alabama. Booker Washington is the greatest colored man in America today, and the most honored, because he has launched his race upon a new industrial and educational career, in which direction lie all their hopes of advancement and recognition. He has in the last seventeen years built up by his own efforts a great industrial school for colored boys and girls, in which all the trades as well as all the useful sciences are taught. The Legislature of Alabama gives him an annual appropriation of \$20,000, and philanthropists from all sections lend him substantial support.

The gross superstitions of old world Catholicism seem to be seeking a foot hold in the credulity and ignorance of the mud still element in our American population, where popery best flourishes. The latest case in point is the recent worship of the sacred relic of St. Anthony, sent from Padua, Italy, and exhibited in the church of "our Lady, queen of the angels," New York. The relic is a piece of bone from the arm of St. Anthony, about half inch long, and richly mounted in a silver case. Great crowds thronged the church and kissed the relic, which is supposed to have the power of miraculous healing. St. Anthony was a Christian ascetic, who was born in Egypt in the year 251 and died in 356. He gave away all his wealth to the poor, lived in a cave, mortified his flesh, retired to the desert to escape the homage of the ignorant multitude, died and received a secret burial. Although his life appeared to be blameless, it was a perversion of the spirit of Christianity, and resulted in the later monkery of Romanism, one of the curses of the world. If Anthony was alive today, he would be the first to condemn and denounce the monastic order of which he is said to be the founder, and the disgusting homage paid to the piece of bone which never belonged to him.

There are some men and women in whose company we are always at our best. All the best stops in our natures are drawn out by their intercourse and we find a music in our souls never there before.—*Drummond.*

True glory consists in so living as to make the world happier and better for our living.—*Pliny.*